

**Quality Improvement Committees
Quarterly
Coordination Meeting
August 3, 2009**

Attending:

**Rick Smith
Carol Baumann
Katy Larsen
Mike Hamblin
Kobi Marchello
Casey Christopherson**

**Diane Moore
Robert Johnson
Destry Maycock
Geri Winkler
Debbie Hofhines
Wendy Bunnell**

Welcomed attendees, many by teleconference to the meeting.

Rick Smith shared his vision about the role the QIC's play. Their main purpose is to be informed, constructive critics of the child welfare system. They should be requesting and analyzing data or receiving other information that can aid in the committees ultimately making recommendations for improvements.

The group decided to work on a vision/mission statement as well as developing a "handbook" or some other sort of orientation materials for potential and new committee members.

Those regions with any materials in this regard will forward to Katy.

Rick Smith agreed to work on an orientation section for the chairs to the committee as well. We would like to finalize these documents by the time of the summit.

The group discussed ideas for topics at the annual QIC summit. It was suggested that it might be nice to hear from Lisa-Michele Church. It would be interesting to hear her perspective of the value of the QIC's in these post lawsuit days. The group also wanted to hear from the various regions about their accomplishments and struggles. "Using the voluminous data that DCFS generates in the most productive way" was also suggested as a good discussion. The Regional directors have agreed to be part of a panel facilitated by Rick.

Please send any additional ideas for topics to Katy. Lisa Michele has been confirmed to speak that day.

St George QIC asked their members to reach out to others outside of "the system" to become members of the QIC. They were expecting 6 new members at their meeting today.

Carol Baumann shared the article that the Standard Examiner published regarding QIC's. (article is attached) This generated 14 calls from the public expressing interest in joining their committee.

Next meeting: The group decided the summit would serve as our next quarterly meeting.